

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-6 are pending and under consideration in the above-identified application.

In the Office Action, Claims 1 and 3-6 were rejected.

In this Amendment, Claims 1 and 4 are amended, and Claim 11 is added. No new matter was introduced as a result of this amendment.

Accordingly, Claims 1 and 3-6 are at issue.

I. Objection to Claims 1 and 4

Claims 1 and 4 are objected to because of informalities.

In the amendment to Claim 1, the limitation related to the film thickness has been removed.

Claim 4 has been appropriately amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Thus, Applicant respectfully request that these claim objections be withdrawn.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims

Claims 1 and 3-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication 2001/0031379 to Tera et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1 is directed to a display unit. The display unit comprises a driving substrate having a display area and an external connection area, a sealing substrate, and a protective film which covers the display area and exposes the external connection area.

Amended Claim 1 recites that “an end face of the protective film formed along a vertical plane including an end face of the sealing substrate and a lower end of the end face of the protective film slants away from the vertical plane in proximity of the boundary between the display area and the external connection area.”

Applicants submit that Tera is silent and not concerned about a lower end of the end face of the protective 6 film slanting away from the vertical plane in proximity of the boundary between the display area with pixels G and the external connection area 2a and 5a (See FIGS. 1, 2, and 5).

Accordingly, Claim 1 is not anticipated by Tera. Thus, Claim 1 is allowable, as well as dependent Claims 3-5 for at least the same reasons.

III. 35 U.S.C. § 102 Anticipation Rejection of Claims 1 - 6.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,720,203 to Carcia et al (Carcia).

As stated above, amended Claim 1 recites that “an end face of the protective film formed along a vertical plane including an end face of the sealing substrate, an a lower end of the end face of the protective film slants away from the vertical plane in proximity of the boundary between the display area and the external connection area.”

Applicants submit that Carcia is also silent and not concerned about a lower end of the end face of the protective 6 film slanting away from the vertical plane in proximity of the boundary between the display area with pixels G and the external connection area 2a and 5a (See Figures 1, 2, and 4).

Accordingly, Claim 1 is not anticipated by Carcia. Thus, Claim 1 is allowable, as well as dependent Claims 3-6 for at least the same reasons.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that all claims are clearly allowable over the cited prior art, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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